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To Parents / Caregivers

**9Mc – A Sense of Belonging E-quiry**

During term two, 9Mc will be taking part in a Christchurch City Library trial initiative in support of key aspects of the New Zealand Curriculum released last year. The initiative will involve up to six visits to the South Learning Centre where library staff, working with teachers from Linwood College, will assist students in carrying out a piece of original research on the theme of A Sense of Belonging. Students will –

* Plan an inquiry based around all available City Library resources
* Be given guided access by library personnel to all of the paper and electronic resources available through the City Library
* Learn how to carry out research electronically and cooperatively
* Be encouraged to use their findings as a vehicle for further creative endeavours
* Produce a set of findings in an electronic format of their choice available to the public on the internet

The achievements of the students will be celebrated at a review and launch of their website in the last week of term 2.

The initiative does involve some cost and will require some re-arrangement of 9Mc’s classes during term two. The College will fund most of the initiative. A payment of $10.00 will be sought to assist in the covering of transport and additional costs throughout the term.

The initiative provides students of 9Mc with a unique opportunity. They will master a set of skills crucial for success at more advanced levels of study. In addition, they will, have the opportunity to carry out original research into a subject of their choosing. Such an opportunity is usually only available at senior secondary or tertiary levels of study.

Details of the programme are still being finalised with the City Library. We do ask for your support of this initiative, further details of which will be provided in the first week of next term

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